

**Our Georgia Letter**

**Georgia Crackers Learning to Observe Thanksgiving--A Kick at Football--Record Breaking Marriage Fees--The Smith-Howell Contest--The News' Views on Cotton Futures Endorsed.**

Thanksgiving day in Georgia passed very quietly, so far as we have been able to learn, many of our citizens spending the day in the fields, trying to kill a few birds, some remaining at home and spending the day quietly with their families, enjoying a big turkey dinner. Many attended the football game in this city in the afternoon, many coming in from towns around here in all directions. A few years ago people from the country, lots of them, would come to town, unmindful of the fact that it was a holiday, expecting to transact business as on other days, and find business houses closed and, consequently, had to return home and make another trip. But they are learning better now. Thanks to the rural delivery system, they are able to get the daily papers and keep posted on such matters and Thanksgiving day finds very few country people in the city.

Speaking of football, we hope the time will soon come when this game will be a thing of the past. Scarcely a game is ever played in which no injuries to the players result. Twenty-four deaths for this season so far, is, we believe, the record for the college foot-ball teams of this country. To sit and watch a game of this nonsensical, "knock-down and drag out" piece of so called amusement is enough to convince the average person that it is time for the proper authorities to call a halt on this kind of brutal sport.

When we heard a preacher say once that he rode about thirty miles through cold, sleet, snow and rain to perform the marriage ceremony for a couple of couples and was paid one dollar per couple for the "performance," we thought that beat the record for unmitigated nerve on the part of the happy grooms. But a few years later, when Dick Humphries got married, handed the preacher fifty cents and told him he could "hand him back the change some other time," we saw he had those other fellows beat by several blocks, but that fellow mentioned in The News, who paid the justice of the peace the trifling sum of two cents for such an important duty, has certainly gone the limit, beyond all question.

Notwithstanding the fact that the gubernatorial election in this state is yet many months off, the campaign is on in full blast. The main issue appears to be the question of disfranchisement, the question which both the Carolinas saw fit to act upon a few years ago and which resulted in the disfranchisement of the negro voters. We believe it is a question of "preparing for war in time of peace" and hope to see the act passed which will

disfranchise the negro vote in this state.

We notice what you have to say, Mr. Editor, about cotton futures and we agree with you. We have always had a rather unfavorable opinion of such methods of making money, but have been in better position to see its detrimental influence, during the past four or five years. After having learned more about it, we have reached a definite conclusion that it is a demoralizing, positively dangerous and ruinous practice, in the majority of cases, according to the ones that have come under our observation.

Former Lancastrian.  
Macon, Ga.

**To Shove up Assessments.**

**Comptroller General Makes a Move to Bring About Big Increase in Valuation of Property for Taxation.**

Columbia Record.

Comtroller General Jones has addressed a circular letter to city and township boards of assessors, county auditors and county boards of equalization, which will have the effect either of revolutionizing the assessment of property in this state or of further and finally demonstrating that the auditors and the members of the boards have no intention of enforcing the very plain statutes passed by the legislature years ago looking to the assessment of property at its full "true money value" instead of on a 60 per cent. basis of a valuation arrived at through a system of dodging made possible by politics and wire-pulling.

The regular quadrennial assessment of real estate is to be made next year, the returns beginning to be made the 1st of next January. The comptroller general, after several times failing to get the legislature to pass such laws as will make it a criminal offense for an office to knowingly list property at less than its true value and making it perjury for a return to be made below real value, has decided to "take the bull by the horns" with this circular letter and direct the enforcement of the law requiring property to be returned at its true value. He estimates that his directions, if carried out, will double the tax values of the state, making them over \$400,000,000 instead of only \$210,000,000. The comptroller general finds that at present property is assessed in this state at from 9 to 100 per cent. of its real value, and he points out that the small property in proportion is carrying the biggest part of the load, as it is the large property which is dodging. Of course, if the directions of the comptroller general are carried out faithfully throughout the state there will not only be no further state deficits, but the city, town and county authorities, as well as the state authorities, will have more tax money than they can spend, and the levy will have to be reduced in proportion as the assessment is raised.

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**Safe Crackers Makes a Good Haul in North Carolina Town.**

Kinston Special to Charlotte Observer:—The safe in the Trenton Drug company's store, at Trenton, was opened by safe-crackers last night and money and stamps amounting to \$750 was stolen and carried off. The burglars also paid a visit to the general merchandise store of Mr. E. J. Loftin, and after blowing the safe open with nitroglycerine, took about \$160 in money. Five hundred dollars belonging to the Trenton post office, located in the Trenton Drug company's building, was stolen and \$260 belonging to the Trenton Drug company.

The robbers worked the combination at that place but were forced to use an explosive at Mr. Loftin's place. The detonation when the safe was blown open awakened citizens but no one saw the safe-crackers as they escaped. An effort was made to secure blood hounds to trail the burglars, but ineffectually and they got away with their booty.

Suspicion rests on a white man, about 40 years of age, who has been seen around Trenton for several days, and was missing today. This stranger was seen lurking at the rear of the Trenton Drug company's store Thursday afternoon late and was also seen about noon in company with another stranger driving from Trenton to Kinston.

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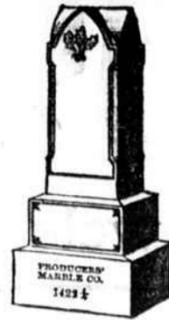
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**Notice to White Teachers of Lancaster County.**

I especially request all White Teachers in Lancaster county to meet at Lancaster Court House at 11 o'clock a. m., Saturday Dec. 9th, for the purpose of organizing a Teachers Association, and for discussing important questions affecting the schools in this county. I most earnestly urge that every Teacher in the county be present at this meeting.

W. M. MOORE,  
Co. Supt. Ed.



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**Notice of Election.**

RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Lancaster in Council assembled and by the authority of the same:

1st. That an election for a Mayor and six Aldermen for the Town of Lancaster to serve for the next ensuing two years is hereby ordered to take place at the Guard House in the town of Lancaster on Tuesday the 12th day of December, 1905.

2nd. That Eugene C. Secrest, James M. Warwick and J. G. Foster are appointed managers to hold said election.

Done and ratified in Council assembled this 25th day of November, 1905.

Attest:  
R. E. WYLLIE, Mayor,  
Seal  
C. D. JONES, Clerk.

**Notice of Discharge.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Thannie J. Bowers, deceased will on December the 23rd 1905 make his final return as such administrator, and apply to the Probate Court for Lancaster county, for a final discharge.

J. A. BOWERS,  
Administrator of estate of  
THANNIE J. BOWERS.  
Dated Nov. 22nd, 1905.

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